

Our trade deficit with China has grown to the point that within a year or so it will overtake our trade deficit with Japan, yet we continue to give most favored nation status recognition to China and continue to give China more trading privileges, as China continues to violate international trading norms, international human rights norms, international norms for all kinds of behavior in the world community.

Just to take a few examples, Mr. Speaker. As we talk about entry into the World Trade Organization, and as we talk later about China getting more trade advantages from this country, as we have unfortunately done year after year, China is a nation that when threatened by free elections in neighboring Taiwan, sent missiles into the straits of Taiwan, shooting in the water near the country of Taiwan, sending them a message about free elections.

China is a country where a relative of the prime minister smuggled some 2,000 AK-47's into San Francisco, in obvious direct violation of American law.

China is a country that sold nuclear technology to rogue nations in south Asia, again in violation of international norms.

China is a country that has violated all kinds of human rights with slave labor, with child labor; a country where 12-year-old children in slave labor camps make toys for 12-year-old children to play with on America's playgrounds.

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It is clear that this is not a country we should reward with continued most-favored-nation status, with continued trade advantages. This is not a country we should allow into the World Trade Organization until they improve their policies on human rights, until they improve their policies on the CD roms that they have stolen, intellectual property rights that they have violated across the board.

Indeed, these last numbers from the Commerce Department show clearly again the tens of thousands, the hundreds of thousands of jobs that our policy with China has cost American workers. It is a nation that has violated all kinds of human rights, ignored international norms, has violated all kinds of standards around the world, yet we continue to offer them most-favored-nation status and the administration continues to negotiate with them on admittance to the World Trade Organization.

Congressman GEPHARDT, the minority leader, has introduced legislation with several others of us that Congress should be part of this negotiation, that Congress should have to vote on admittance of China to the World Trade Organization. I would hope that the Speaker and the leaders of this House would see fit that we should, as this body, have input into this decision whether China, whose trade deficit

with us continues to mushroom and who continues to violate all kinds of world standards, that we get the opportunity to vote on whether China is admitted into the World Trade Organization.

I ask the Members of this body, particularly on the other side of the aisle, on the Republican side of the aisle, to push their leaders into bringing this to a vote so we in this body can have some input and help make that decision whether we admit China into the World Trade Organization.

#### CONGRATULATING GREATER ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. CHAMBLISS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and to congratulate the Reverend Nehemiah Collins and the members of his congregation at the Antioch Baptist Church in Macon, GA as this weekend they celebrate the 125th anniversary of their church. Antioch Baptist Church was founded in 1872 in a place in Bloomfield, which is a portion of Macon, then called Forks Creek. The church was later moved to the present location on Antioch Road.

This church has been a beacon light of hope throughout the community in striving to influence others to accept Christ as their personal saviour and to live an exemplary life as we walk among others who have already confessed Him as their saviour.

Antioch Baptist Church has made great strides during these 125 years in the spreading of the good news to mankind. One thing that is extremely unusual about Antioch Baptist Church is that though it has been in existence for 125 years, it has only had 5 pastors.

The current pastor, the Reverend Nehemiah Collins, is entering his 26th year as pastor of that church. However, he is not the longest serving pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, for the Reverend E.W. Hoyt, the third pastor of this great church, served his congregation for a total of 52 years.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize not only Reverend Collins but Deacons Joe Heggs, Sorrell Acree, B.T. Reid, James Wimberly, Harold Murphy, and all the members of the congregation of this fine religious organization on the 125th anniversary.

I will be very pleased on Sunday afternoon to participate in the service at Antioch Baptist Church, and I want to enter into the RECORD a proclamation that I will be delivering Sunday afternoon. This is addressed to the Reverend Collins.

It is indeed an honor for me to personally deliver greetings to the Greater Antioch Baptist Church congregation on this most historic day, the church's 125th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1872 at Forks Creek in the Bloomfield area of Macon, Greater An-

tioc Baptist Church has served as a beacon light of hope throughout the community in striving to influence others to accept Christ as their personal saviour.

The church has made great strides during its 125 years. The accomplishments you and the 4 previous pastors have made to the church and the Macon/Bibb County community are far too extensive to recount here, but rest assured that they are widely known and universally appreciated.

My wife Julianne and my entire family join me in extending to the entire Greater Antioch Baptist Church community our very warmest congratulations and best wishes.

#### TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from North Carolina [Mrs. CLAYTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, 30 percent of all out-of-wedlock births are to teenagers below the age of 20. That astonishing reality should be alarming to Congress and to the citizens of our country. More importantly, the recently implemented welfare reform has accelerated the need to address the issue of out-of-wedlock teen births.

As we consider solutions to this issue, we must keep in mind that no other industrialized nation with a standard of living comparable to the United States has a problem of this dimension. On the problem of teenage pregnancy, we have the dubious distinction of leading the world. It is critical that our Nation take a clear stand against teen pregnancy and that this position be widely publicized.

We must encourage and then be engaged in a national discussion about how religious culture and public values influence both teenage pregnancy and the way our society responds to this dilemma. We must encourage and stimulate innovative solutions through local schools, churches, and civic groups, as well as local and State officials.

We must foster community involvement where each community will determine what would be appropriate and acceptable based on the community's standards and values. I think you will agree that these decisions must be made at the community level, by the individuals who care the most and who have the greatest influence with these young people. The parents, families, churches, teachers, scout leaders, and community members who know these teenagers best will determine what kinds of programs their community should use to help their young people avoid becoming teen parents prematurely.

As we consider how and where to reduce spending, we must also not forget that teen pregnancy costs a heavy burden on the Federal budget. If we want to balance the budget, let us begin by working to bring some balance to the lives of thousands and thousands of our teenagers involved in premature childbearing.

Once a teenager becomes pregnant, there is no good solution. There is pain

in adoption, there is pain in abortion, there is pain and suffering giving birth and parenting a child prematurely. The best solution is to prevent the pregnancy. Young people who believe that they have a real future to risk have real incentives to delay parenting. This is why when we demand responsible behavior, we have a reciprocal obligation to offer a real future beyond early parenting and poverty.

Reducing teen childbearing is likely to require more than eliminating or manipulating welfare programs. Experience tells us that threats and punishment are not the best way to get teens to behave in a way that is good for them and their future.

The most successful approach to reducing teen childbearing is to design policies and procedures that are targeted to encourage positive developmental behavior through beneficial adult role models and job connections.

We must implement pregnancy prevention programs that educate and support school age youths between the ages of 10 and 21 in high risk situations and their family members through comprehensive social and health services, with an emphasis on pregnancy prevention. Devoting more resources to preventing teen pregnancy will not only save us money in the long run but will improve the lives, health, education, economic opportunities, and the well-being of these young people and their families. Moreover, they will give hope for this Nation and they will have an opportunity to make a positive contribution.

Mr. Speaker, we must be engaged in this effort.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from the District of Columbia [Ms. NORTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. NORTON addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

#### SUICIDE BOMBING IN TEL AVIV

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. SAXTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, recall with me for just a moment where you were and where all of our friends were on the day the World Trade Center was bombed and think back for a minute about how that made us feel. It is within that kind of a context that I viewed an occurrence earlier today when I

heard that a bomb had been exploded in Tel Aviv by a suicide bomber. I immediately picked up the telephone and called a friend that lives in Tel Aviv with her husband, an elderly, older couple, and she described to me over the telephone what a friend of hers, an eyewitness to this bombing, saw.

It seems that it was lunchtime and the waiter, who was the one who described this, saw a man who looked like he did not belong there enter the street-side cafe with two bags. As the waiter approached the individual to find out why he was there, he simply sat a bag on the chair, which caused the bag to explode. Forty-seven people were wounded and 3 were killed by this fanatic who caused this to happen.

The Associated Press writes an account of what it was like. The Associated Press writes:

The blast scattered chairs, tables and umbrellas on a tree-lined boulevard just yards away from City Hall. Smoke rose from the charred wood and cloth umbrellas, and napkins and half-eaten plates of food were strewn about.

Among the injured was a 6-month-old girl in a red and blue clown costume. Her head was matted with blood as she was carried away screaming.

There was a powerful boom, glass flying everywhere, and there was a lot of blood, said the cafe's shift manager who gave his name as Roi. He sobbed hysterically, sitting back on the sidewalk holding his head.

This happened today. This happened in a cafe that I have visited. This happened within 2 blocks of my friends' home, and it causes us as Americans to wonder why.

Well, one does not have to look far to find out why, because, as the Speaker knows, during Desert Shield and Desert Storm the West proved to those countries that would sponsor these kinds of acts that in order for them to carry out their desired, or to attain their desired goals, they are going to have to find some way to do it other than through conventional military means, and terror is one of the tools they use. What I described is terror. What is in this AP article is something that we as Americans find hard to believe and can only imagine. And yet in that part of the world, this is an all too often occurrence.

As we look to see why the same AP article quotes some individuals who may have had something to do with this. If I can quote an Hamas leader, Ibrahim Maqadmeh, "Jerusalem will not be restored by negotiations, but only with holy war, whatever the sacrifices," he said today, he told a crowd of 50,000 cheering people in Khan Unis in the Gaza Strip.

In the West Bank town of Nablus, a different Hamas leader told the crowd of 10,000 supporters this afternoon, today, "I have good news for you," he said. "There is a suicide operation in Tel Aviv" today.

The crowd clapped and cheered. God is great. This is the only language that the occupiers, meaning the Israelis, the occupiers, this is the only language the

occupiers understand, the language of martyrdom, said the Hamas leader Hamed Bitawi.

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These are difficult situations to talk about and, for me, quite impossible to understand, and I hope, Mr. Speaker, that the American people and particularly the administration will take note of this event.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FORBES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of family illness.

Mr. OXLEY (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of a death in the family.

Mr. UNDERWOOD (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business.

Mr. PASCARELL (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FILNER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ENGEL, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. NORTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CHAMBLISS) and to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GINGRICH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CANNON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HANSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHAMBLISS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SAXTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio.

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 514. An act to permit the waiver of District of Columbia residency requirements for certain employees of the Office of the Inspector General of the District of Columbia.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that